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out only one steamboat last year, and it had to be retired for repairs after its first voyage. Units of the river fleet were wintered in places lacking facilities for repairs, and as a result spring overhauling is far behind schedule.

SHIPPING LINE PLEDGES INCREASE -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 82, 8 Apr 49

Millions of tons of freight and millions of passengers have been carried by the Canal imeni Moskva Steamship Line during the 12 years of its existence. Many crews have adopted Stakhanovite work methods, following the example of the Volga freighter Ruslan. Crews of the outstanding freighters Miron Dyukanov (captain, Puzevskiy), Makar Mazay (captain, Adolin), Rzhev (captain, Potapov), and Petr Krivonos (captain, Pryanikov) have topped production quotas set for the freight fleet for 1950.

The steamship line exceeded the shipping plan during the past navigation season and lowered shipping costs 11.6 percent. Freight handling in the ports was out 9 percent more than planned, enabling canal workers to save 8 million rubles.

The canal's 1949 quota calls for 20 percent more shipping than in the previous navigation season. The Steamship Line Administration has pledged, in addition, to attain the volume of shipping set for 1950. This will necessitate a 30-percent increase in shipping over 1948. (Signed by A. Shmagin, chief of the Steamship Line Administration of the Canal imeni Moskva and general-director of the River Fleet, 3d Rank.)

Vechernyaya Moskva, No 83, 8 Apr 49

Skippers Batov, Rybin, and Luk'yanenko of the Canal imeni Moskva Steamship Line have prepared for the navigation season and drawn up Stakhanovite plans. Following the example of Purlakov, mechanic of the steamship line, Batov has decided not to turn his barge in for repairs until 1953 and Rybin and Luk'yanenko have decided not to turn theirs in for repairs until 1955.

The skippers have pledged to repair defects themselves to utilize more efficiently the freight capacity of the barges and to increase the number of trips.

RIVER FLEET PERSONNEL RECEIVE AWARDS -- Rechnoy Transport, No 26, 1 Apr 49

Many captains and mechanics, connected with ships of the Ministry of the River Fleet, received orders and medals for long and excellent service. Among these are D. A. Reutov, captain of the Plotovod, N. A. Yerashov, mechanic of the Okhta, and P. V. Koryukayev, captain of the Pushkin.

TALLIN SHIP-REPAIR PLANT AWARDED RED BANNER -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 47, 26 Feb 49

Workers of the Tallin Ship-Repair Plant recently were awarded the All-Union Transferable Red Banner of the Soviet of Ministers USSR and VTSRS, and a cash prize of 90,000 rubles for winning the All-Union Socialist competition for the last quarter of 1948.

Workers, technical engineers, and employees of the plant pledged to exceed the production plan for the first quarter of 1949.

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